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application of pending prior Application No. 09/850,252 filed on 05/07/2001, which is a divisional application of pending prior Application No. 09/730,246 filed on 12/05/2000, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/055,825 filed on 04/06/1998, now abandoned.

Inventor(s): **Jathan D. Edwards**Title: **REVERSE OPTICAL MASTERING FOR DATA STORAGE DISKS**

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. ☐ Enclosed is a new specification. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
5. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/850,252, filed 5/07/2001, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/730,246 filed 12/05/2000 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/055,825 filed 04/06/1998, now abandoned.
6. ☐ Please cancel claims _____.
7. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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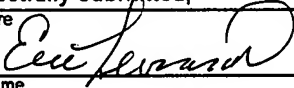
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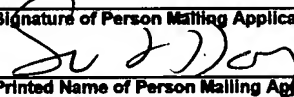
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